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SUBJECT: NO CHANGE IN TIMOR-LESTE POSITION ON KOSOVO

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CLASSIFIED BY: Henry M. Rector, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S.
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REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1.(C) DCM met July 2 with Vicky Tchong, Secretary General of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to brief her on recent developments in Kosovo and urge that Timor-Leste publicly recognize Kosovo's independence (reftel). Ms. Tchong said that there had been no change in Timor-Leste's position, i.e., that Timor-Leste recognizes Kosovo's independence but is not yet prepared to make a public statement to that effect. She said that any public acknowledgement by Timor-Leste of an independent Kosovo would have to go through "our own internal political process." However, she accepted a non-paper based on reftel and agreed to brief Foreign Minister Zacarias Da Costa on the issue. She also asked for a list of countries that have already publicly recognized Kosovo, and we undertook to provide this information.

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